

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Please amend the abstract of the application as follows:*

--A polyvinyl alcohol film roll ~~comprising~~including a cylindrical core tube made of a metallic material and having a surface roughness of at most 100 S and a polyvinyl alcohol film wound up around the cylindrical core tube, the film roll being obtained by forming the film from a solution of a polyvinyl alcohol resin and winding up the film around the core tube, and the film roll being capable of providing an optically homogeneous polyvinyl alcohol film having an excellent appearance.--